

FIREWORK SAFETY INFORMATION

Summertime is here and 4th of July celebrations are just around the corner. Many people like to celebrate with fireworks. As you plan your holiday activities, the Kannapolis Fire Department encourages you to have fun and be safe.

Sparklers, fountains and novelty fireworks that do not explode or have a report, are not intended to spin, do not leave the ground and do not fly through the air are permissible in North Carolina. All others are illegal.

Examples of legal fireworks are snake and glow worms, smoke devices that produce white or colored smoke, trick noisemakers – including party poppers, string poppers and snappers – and wire sparklers. You may purchase these items in North Carolina only if you are 16 years of age or older.

Please remember to follow all necessary safety precautions when using any of these devices. Misuse of fireworks can lead to serious injury, death and/or property loss. More than 10,000 people are hurt annually due to fireworks. If you use any of these devices, keep a hose or bucket of water nearby. Be aware of your surroundings and do not light items near anything that is

flammable. Remember, grass, trees and buildings can easily catch on fire if you are not careful.

During this exciting holiday time, don't forget your pets! They are often fearful of fireworks and the loud noises they make. Humane Societies across the nation encourage pet owners to keep their pets indoors and make sure animals have identification tags in case they run away.

For additional information, please contact the Kannapolis Fire Department at 704-920-4260 or mbostian@kannapolisnc.gov.

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WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Runoff picks up and carries numerous pollutants into our waterways, known commonly as stormwater pollutants. These pollutants may include – but are not limited to – antifreeze, grease, oil, fertilizers and pesticides; chemicals from gardens, homes and businesses; and bacteria from pet waste or failing septic systems.

Why is it important to understand stormwater?
In short, stormwater is important because it can lead to pollution, erosion, flooding and many other environmental/health issues if not properly understood and maintained. For this reason, we must keep stormwater clean so we can enjoy safe water for drinking, supporting wildlife habitats and recreational use. As we go through our daily lives, it is easy to overlook the ways we contaminate our water. Being conscious of the decisions we make is the first step to clean water. Please make sure nothing but water is placed in storm drains.

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Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

YOUTH COUNCIL RECEIVES STATE CHARTER DESIGNATION

The Kannapolis Youth Council has been awarded a state charter from the N.C. Department of Administration. They are one of 24 youth councils in North Carolina. The Kannapolis Youth Council was established by the Kannapolis City Council in late 2020 and members were appointed in 2021.



In order to achieve state certification, the youth council completed a number of civic and social projects in 2021, including holding monthly meetings, participating in the Veterans Food Drive, conducting bloodmobiles, purchasing Christmas gifts for other

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUNE**
- 4 Concert in the Park: Don Felder formerly of the Eagles** | 7 p.m. Village Park
 - 5 Sunday Music Series: Bakalooa Stars** | 1 p.m. | Veterans Park
 - 9 Thursdays on Main: Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot** | 6 p.m. Veterans Park
 - 11 Stories Under the Stars: Rockstar Magic** | 7 p.m. | Royal Oaks Elementary
 - 17 Movies in the Park: Sing 2** 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
 - 18 Stories Under the Stars: Sharon Clarke** | 7 p.m. Kannapolis Library
 - 19 Sunday Music Series: Casear and Creole Soul** | 1 p.m. Veterans Park
 - 19 Movies in the Park (En Español): Sing 2** | 6 p.m. | Atrium Health Ballpark
 - 25 Concert in the Park: Air Supply** 7 p.m. | Village Park

Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please.
Concessions and food trucks available at concerts and movies. More at kannapolisnc.gov.

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youth in need and working City events such as the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The group also learned about local

government and City of Kannapolis Departments, such as administration, fire, police and public works.

As a state-chartered youth council the group will now be able to participate in state youth government learning experiences throughout the school year.

The City Council's goal for the youth council is to create opportunities for students to become engaged in leadership development, provide avenues for high school students to volunteer, develop leadership skills, develop high standards for behavior, to refine communication abilities, practice teamwork and to have a line of communication to the adult leadership in the decision-making process of the City. The formation of the Youth Council was the result of conversations between council members and area high school students.

The youth council is composed of high school students who reside in Kannapolis. They represent the geographic and educational diversity of the City with participants from the two public high schools located in the City, students living in the City but attending other public high schools, home school students, charter schools and private high schools.

Brock Morgan, an A.L. Brown student, and Allison Gordon, a Northwest Cabarrus High School student, served as co-chairs of the group. Other inaugural members include Ally Zendejas, Amber Barnes, Ashley Burris, Carly Stegall, Caroline Barlow, Celeste Martinez, Courtney Graham, Destiny Davis, Gabe Perry, Joseph Levy, Kevin Lo, Lillian Watkins, Lissette Gutierrez Cruz, Marin Powell, Nevaeh Williams, Niya Kerr, Samantha Holman, Shriya Agarwal, Trent Thompson and Yesenia Hubbard.

CITY OF KANNAPOLIS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The City of Kannapolis has been honored with the prestigious American Planning Association Excellence in Economic Development Award. The City was recognized for its Downtown Master Plan, which resulted in the completion of new infrastructure, the West Avenue Linear Park, the VIDA parking deck and the Atrium Health Ballpark.

downtown master plan, the scale of the project, and the successful completion and implementation of the project. The project was also noted as being a project that could be emulated and repeated elsewhere in the United States.

"We are excited to be recognized nationally with this award from the

Council, staff and our contractors have worked very hard to ensure our downtown has something for everyone and will continue to attract businesses and people for decades to come," said Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant.

The award was presented at the American Planning Association's National Conference



The honor is considered the Top Award for Excellence in Best Practices that can be achieved by a City. Presented annually, the award is given by the American Planning Association. "The City of Kannapolis was selected on the basis of their written

American Planning Association and their professional membership. We judge our success by the thousands of people enjoying our downtown weekly, but it is an honor to be seen as a model for economic development on a national level. The City

in San Diego recently to Assistant City Manager Wilmer Melton, who gave a presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Project.



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The Laureate Center is the perfect location to host events, seminars, professional development classes, conferences and more. Located in Kannapolis City Hall, the center has all the amenities and unique spaces, such as a gallery and terrace, to ensure your business event is a success.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

It's hot outside! Water your plants in the morning and/or evening to save water, and put mulch around them to help keep them hydrated and reduce evaporation during the day.

